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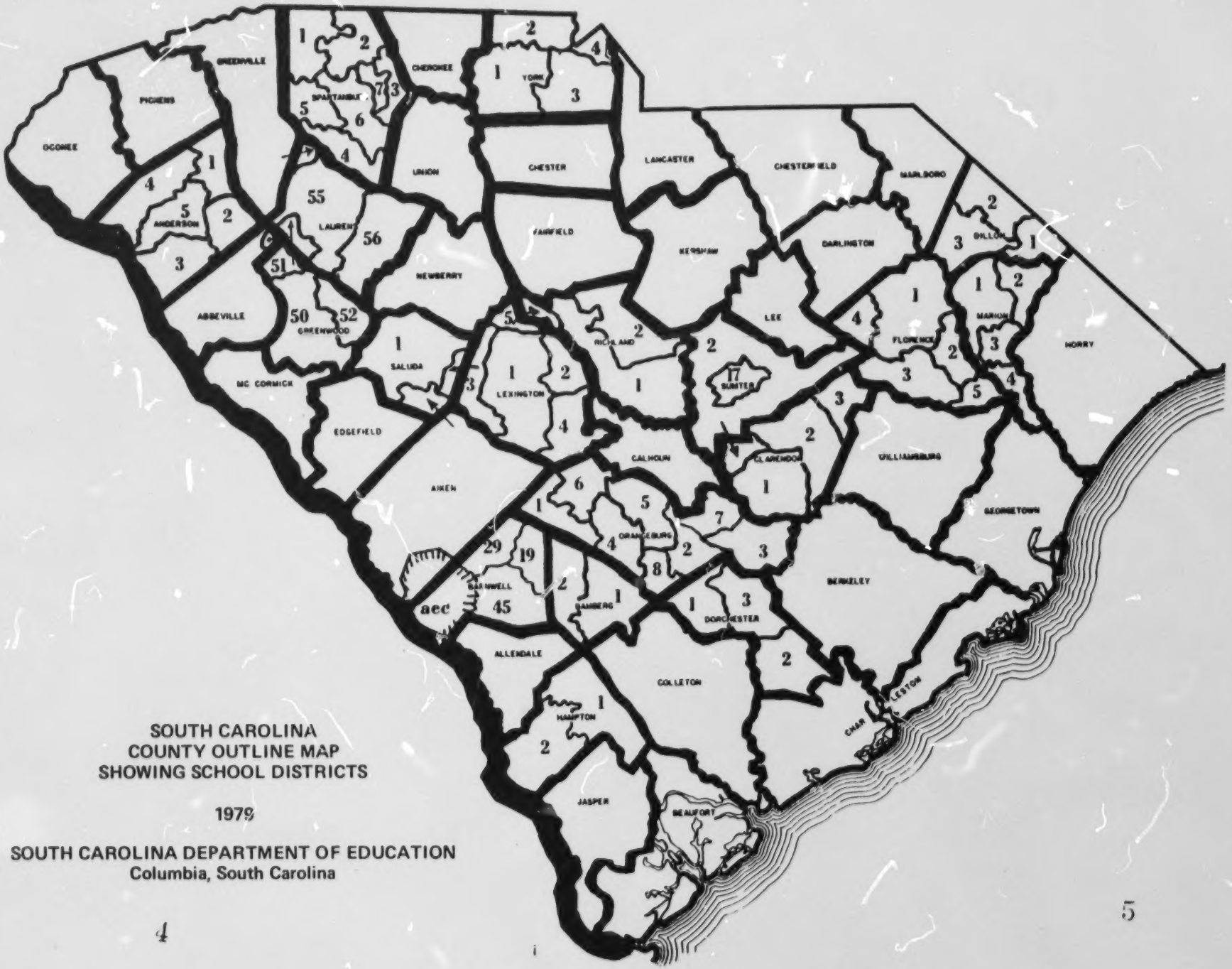

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COUNTY OUTLINE MAP
SHOWING SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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I. BACKGROUND

The school district is the basic administrative unit in the organization of South Carolina schools. There are 92 public school districts. The geographical location, human resources, financial resources, and legal framework decidedly influence the organization and administration of the State's school districts.

Currently the geographical location of school districts determines the tax base, influences attendance and applicable legislation establishes the working relationship with such groups as the county legislative delegation, county government, etc. Most of the 92 school districts are coterminous with county lines. Only 6 districts—Aiken, Greenville, Greenwood 51, Lexington 3, Lexington 5, and Sumter 2—cut across county lines.

Local school boards, working through their chief administrators, are the prime agents in the implementation of the State's educational objectives. For various reasons, many districts either operate under an intermediate unit such as a county board and a county superintendent or add a subordinate unit such as an attendance area with its own area board and superintendent. Several districts even have a second intermediate board in the form of a county vocational education school board. Other districts have streamlined their organization to the extent that the district board, with its chief administrator, deals directly with the State to avoid duplication and conflict of authority.

The regular districts finance educational expenses, aside from State and federal aid, by levying taxes or borrowing funds. The legal authority to levy local school taxes is found in Article 10, Section 6 of the South Carolina State Constitution. The degree of fiscal independence to levy taxes and the actual tax levy for school purposes are two significant factors in determining the fiscal ability of school districts to support public education. Tax levies, however, must be considered in light of the assessed valuation of the district, the estimated assessment ratio, the type of reassessment program operating in the particular county and the number of pupils served. 1975 Act No. 208 and the 1977 Amendment to Article X of the South Carolina Constitution should eliminate any differences in assessment ratios after a five-year phase in period.

Borrowing power is governed by varying constitutional provisions establishing limits of bonded indebtedness. This debt limitation is a percentage of the assessed valuation. A number of districts have special legislation which provides for continuing authority to issue bonds up to their respective limits without the usual referendum required by general statute. Also, a number of districts utilize the borrowing power of their county government in addition to their own for school purposes. Article X, Section 15 of the South Carolina Constitution, as amended, will give all school districts a new 8 percent constitutional debt ceiling as of May 4, 1982.

Beginning December 1, 1977, school districts may issue bonds in excess of their former constitutional debt ceilings which were in effect as of January 1, 1976, by going directly to the voters in a referendum as permitted pursuant to Article X. Section 15 of the South Carolina Constitution. School districts may issue bonds within their former debt ceilings established as of January 1, 1976 as currently permitted by the General Assembly until May 4, 1982. School districts should consult local law as to their particular bond issuance authority. Some school districts have been granted the continuing authority to

issue bonds up to their debt ceiling by local statutes. A number of districts now have continuing authority to issue bonds to their respective constitutional limit of bonded indebtedness without a referendum, to wit: Abbeville, Cherokee, Chester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenville, Greenwood 51, Horry County (up to 2 mills of general obligation bonds without a referendum), Laurens 55, Lexington 1-5, Marlboro, Pickens, and Spartanburg 1-7.

Many other districts have obtained by legislation one-shot or short-term arrangements to issue bonds without a referendum. For example, in 1969, Richland District 1 obtained enabling legislation to issue bonds up to its limit on bonded indebtedness until December 1972. Berkeley District got authorization for $300,000 worth of bonds in 1971 without a referendum.

Note also that some districts have been assisted by their legislative delegations in avoiding the time and expense of a referendum by enactment of special legislation that authorized a particular bond issuance in a specified dollar amount, within the district's debt ceiling. This procedure is particularly advantageous during the legislative session.

It should also be noted that the South Carolina School Finance Act (1977 Act No. 163) and the 1977 Amendment to Article X of the South Carolina Constitution (1977 Act No. 71) significantly alter school finance in South Carolina. For example, 1976 Act No. 518 increases the bonded indebtedness limit of District 1 in Dorchester County to 15 percent. The 1976 Act No. 474 increases Dorchester 2 to 40 percent; and the 1976 Act No. 489 increases Dorchester 3 to 15 percent. However, Act No. 71 of 1977 (Article X Amendment) questions the validity of increases ratified after January 1, 1976. Note, that if bonds are committed prior to November 30, 1977 under a debt ceiling ratified after January 1, 1976, they may have been legally issued since the Article X Amendment was not to become effective until November 30, 1977. As a result, some question remains as to the limit of bonded indebtedness in several counties.

School boards and chief administrators must function within the legal framework of relevant federal and state constitutions, statutes, rules, regulations, and case laws, and operate within the powers and duties actually enumerated or necessarily implied. Despite these legal limits, boards and administrators have broad authority and responsibilities. The boards exercise all three (3) governmental functions—executive, legislative, and judicial—and may delegate administrative responsibilities to superintendents who may also have additional duties prescribed in general or special statutes.

The *Code of Laws of South Carolina* provides a general plan for district organization and administration with local differences and influences manifesting themselves in numerous operational variations embodied in special legislation. The *1976 South Carolina Code of Laws* does not include local legislation pertaining to individual school districts; however, the information can be found in the *Acts and Joint Resolutions of the South Carolina General Assembly* as indexed under Index to Local Laws as well as in the South Carolina Department of Education's annual publication of *Educational Statutes Enacted.* Note also that some local legislation affecting school districts may be found in County Supply bills.

A recent supreme court decision (*Moye vs. Lexington County Board of Education,* 217 S.E.2d 36 (1975) has established the fact that individual school districts in South Carolina are subdivisions of the state and not bound by the constitutional prohibition preventing special legislation (Article VIII, Sections 7, 8 and 10). Therefore, the current variety of individual school district organization, administration, and operation that exists due to school district special legislation is likely to continue.

II. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION BY COUNTY, DISTRICT AND AREA

Explanation of Table 1 legal citations.

59-1-10 – *Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976*, Title 59, Chapter 1, Section 10.

1965 (54) 312 – *Acts and Joint Resolutions of South Carolina,* 1965, Volume 54, page 312.

[77] – Constitution of South Carolina, Article 10, Section 5, subsection 77. Other bracketed numbers in the "Limit Bonded Indebtedness" column refer to additional subsections of Article 10, Section 5. Subsequent to November 30, 1977, there will be no bracketed subsections to Article X of the South Carolina Constitution. However, the pre-January 1, 1976 debt ceiling will still be significant until May 4, 1982.

Co. App. Bill – Annual county appropriations bill for a particular county (found in *Acts and Joint Resolutions*).

TABLE 1

INDIVIDUAL DATA BY COUNTY, DISTRICT, AND AREA

COUNTY DISTRICT AREA	COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION	BOARD OF TRUSTEES (COUNTY/DISTRICT/AREA)	SUPERINTENDENT (COUNTY/DISTRICT/AREA)	AUTHORITY FOR SCHOOL TAXES	LIMIT BONDED INDEBTEDNESS	MILLS LEVIED 1978-79	
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ABBEVILLE (Abbeville County School District 60)	9 members appointed by County Council upon recommendation of County Legislative Delegation, 3-year terms (1965[54] 312).	DISTRICT BOARD 9 elected members, 3-year terms (1961[52] 99).	"Administrative Superintendent of the School System of Abbeville County": appointed by District Board of Trustees, 1-year term (1953[48] 114).	Budget prepared by District Board of Trustees, approved by County Board of Education; millage approved by County Council (1964[53] 2355).	18% (1971[57] 11) [150]	99.0	24.0
AIKEN (Consolidated School District of Aiken County)	7 members elected, 4-year terms (1977[60] 858).	COUNTY Board of Education, ex officio, District Board of Trustees (1968[55] 2572).	Office abolished after expiration of the 1971 term (1971[57] 99).	Budget prepared by County Board of Education; must be approved by County Legislative Delegation if increased levy is necessary (1977[60] 860).	25% [133]	78.2	15.8
Administrative Areas: 1 Aiken 2 North Augusta-Jackson 3 Gregg-Langley-Bath-Clearwater 4 Monetta-Ridge Spring-Wagener-Salley		4 AREA Advisory Councils with 7 members each, appointed by County Board of Education, 3-year terms (1967[55] 671).	DISTRICT Superintendent of Schools appointed by County Board; term-contractual (1968[55] 2572). AREA Superintendents appointed by County Board upon recommendation of District Superintendent (1967[55] 671).	If Delegation refuses County Board's budget, County Board can request a referendum in the next general election (1977[60] 861).			

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ALLENDALE (School District of Allendale County)	5 members elected, 4-year terms (1978 Act No. 700).	COUNTY Board of Education, ex officio, DISTRICT Board of Trustees (1974[59] 2278).	COUNTY Superintendent of Education abolished. Duties devolved upon the County Board of Education (1974[59] 2278). DISTRICT Superintendent of Schools appointed by County Board, term-contractual.	Budget prepared by County Board of Education, approved by County Legislative Delegation (1965[54] 144).	15% [118]	83.0	4.0
ANDERSON	8 members: 1 County Superintendent, ex officio; 7 appointed by Governor upon recommendation of County Legislative Delegation; 4-year terms (1951[47] 253).		COUNTY Superintendent of Education elected, 4-year term (59-13-10).	Budget prepared by District Boards of Trustees, approved by County Board of Education, Fiscally independent within statutory limit—not over 5 mill increase per year without referendum (1966 [54] 2741).		21.5	
District 1 Pelzer-Williamston		5 DISTRICT Boards of Trustees: number of Trustees elected in each district based on school population; present membership is 7, 7, 5, 5, 9 respectively; 4-year terms (1960[51] 1585, 1968[55] 2612, 1966 [54] 2212, 1976 [59] 1783).	DISTRICT Superintendents appointed by District Boards 1 to 4-year terms set by District Boards.		25% [117]	93.75	25.5
District 2 Belton-Honea Path					25% [116]	91.75	10.0
District 3 Starr-Iva					25% [140]	66.75	12.0
District 4 Pendleton-Townville-Lebanon					25% [141]	77.75	7.0
District 5 Anderson					25% [115]	108.75	23.0

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BAMBERG Latest reorganization in 1970 formed Bamberg School District 1 and Bamberg School District 2.	11 members: 1 shall be the County Superintendent, ex officio; 10 members appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the County Legislative Delegation. 5 of these members shall be appointed from District 1 and 5 from District 2 (1972[57] 2261).		COUNTY Superintendent of Education elected, 4-year term (59-13-10).	Budget and millage set annually by District Trustees and County Superintendent, approved by County Board of Education. County Board of Education approves the levy of taxes for school purposes, also issues bonds for educational purposes (Act 1223, Section 6, Subsections 5, 9, 1974[58] 2849).		1.5	0.0
District 1 Bamberg-Ehrhardt		2 DISTRICT Boards of Trustees. Each Board has 5 members appointed by the County Board; 3-year terms (1972[57] 2261).	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Boards, 1-year term.		10% [92]	94.0	0.0
District 2 Denmark-Olar			DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Boards, 1-year term.		25% [92]	86.0	9.0
BARNWELL	7 members: 6 appointed by Governor upon recommendation of Legislative Delegation; 1 County Superintendent of Education, ex officio; 4-year terms (59-15-10).	COUNTY Vocational Education School Board: 8 members—5 appointed by the County Board of Commissioners, 2 from District 45, 1 from District 19, 1 from District 29, 1 from the county at large; 1 from each of the 3 School District Boards of Trustees; 3-year terms (1978 Act No. 712).	COUNTY Superintendent of Education elected, 4-year term (59-13-10).	Budget prepared by District Boards of Trustees with assistance of County Superintendent. Approval of District electors required for tax increase in excess of 10 mills. All budgets for school purposes approved by the County Board of Commissioners (1967[55] 1134, §6(5), 1966[54] 2048).			

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Blackville 19		3 DISTRICT Boards of Trustees. Each Board has 5 members elected, 3-year terms (59-19-50).	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, term-contractual.		8% [1]	90.0	0.0
Williston 29			DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, term-contractual.		8% [1]	88.0	2.0
Barnwell 45			DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, term-contractual.		8% [1]	87.0	5.0
BEAUFORT (Beaufort County School District)	9 members elected, 4-year terms (1968[55] 2383).	COUNTY Board of Education, ex officio, DISTRICT Board of Trustees (1970 [56] 2077).	COUNTY Superintendent of Education appointed by County Board of Education, term-contractual (1956[49] 2089).	Budget prepared by County Board of Education, approved by County Council (1950[46] 2457).	None [110]	59.3	3.0
BERKELEY	13 members: 12 appointed by Governor upon recommendation of majority of County Legislative Delegation, 1 County Superintendent of Education, ex officio chairman; 4-year terms (1976[59] 1910).	COUNTY Board of Education, ex officio, District Board of Trustees (1956[49] 1778).	COUNTY Superintendent of Education elected, 4-year term (59-13-10).	Budget prepared by County Board of Education, approved by County Legislative Delegation (1971[57] 1118).	20% [78]	58.0	12.0
Administrative Area: Hanahan		The Administrative Area "shall have seven advisory trustees" (AREA Board of Trustees) appointed by County Board of Education, 3-year terms (1971[57] 1118).	AREA Superintendent appointed by Area Board of Trustees subject to approval of County Board of Education.				

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CALHOUN (Calhoun County Consolidated School District formed May 26, 1974)	9 members: 8 appointed by Governor upon recommendation of County Legislative Delegation; 1 County Superintendent of Education; 4-year terms (59-15-10). Two additional members provided for to serve until 4/30/79 (1976[59] 2204).	DISTRICT Board: 6-member Board of Trustees, chairman elected at large, 5 elected, one from each of 5 election districts, 4-year terms; 1976 election, 2 elected who receive smallest number of votes to serve 2 years. County Board fills unexpired terms (1976[59] 2204).	COUNTY Superintendent of Education elected, 4-year term (59-13-10). DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board; tenure at pleasure of the Board; shall be Executive Officer and Secretary of District Board (1974[58] 2211).	Budget prepared by District Board, submitted to County Board. Requires approval of the Legislative Delegation.	8% [1]	46.0	0.0
CHARLESTON (Charleston County School District, formed June 1967)	Powers and duties devolved upon County Board of Trustees (1967 [55] 470).	COUNTY Board of Trustees: 9 members elected for 4-year terms (1967[55] 470), to be known as the District Board of Trustees for the School District of Charleston County.	COUNTY Superintendent of Education appointed by County Board of Trustees, term-contractual (1971[57] 875).	Budget prepared by County Board of Trustees, referred to County Legislative Delegation as information. Board of Trustees fiscally independent within statutory limitation of 90 mills (1972[55] 3131).	20% [156]	90.0	11.5
Eight component quasi-districts constituting 1 official school district: 1 St. James-Santee (7) 2 Moultrie (5)		Constituent Area School Trustees: elected for 4-year terms. Districts 1, 9, 20 and and 23 have 7 members each (1971[57] 201; 1952[47] 2085; 1974[58] 1978; 1970 [56] 2004); Districts 2 and 3 have 5 members each (1952 [47] 2085; 1972[57] 2123);	6 Constituent Area Superintendents employed subject to approval of County Board of Trustees (1967[55] 470).				

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3 James Island (5) 4 Cooper River (3) 9 St. Johns (7) 10 St. Andrews (3) 20 City of Charleston (7) 23 St. Paul (7)		Districts 4 and 10 have 3 members each (59-19-20) previously board members served 6-year terms. After these trustees serve their terms, all trustees shall serve terms of 4 years (1974[59] 1978).					
CHEROKEE (District 1)	Abolished May 1967 (1967[55] 356).	DISTRICT Board: 9 members elected, 4-year terms (1967[55] 1383).	DISTRICT Superintendent of Schools appointed by District Board of Trustees, term-contractual (1970[56] 2001).	Board of Trustees, fiscally independent, except Delegation approves increase (1969[56] 922).	25% [160]	122.0	22.0
CHESTER (School District of Chester County)		COUNTY Board: 10 members elected, 4-year terms staggered, (1966[54] 2140).	COUNTY School Administrator appointed by County Board of Trustees (1968[55] 3123). Serves at pleasure of the County Board.	Budget prepared by Board of Trustees, approved by County Legislative Delegation (1970[56] 2290).	20% (1974[59] 3239) [125] (1977[69] 919)	89.0	10.0
CHESTER-FIELD (Chesterfield County School District)	District Board:[b] 9 members elected; 1 from each of the former school districts and 3 from the county at large; 4-year terms. Serves functions of County Board of Education (1972[57] 2628).		DISTRICT Superintendent of Education employed by District Board of Education (1968[55] 2423).	Budget prepared by District Board of Education, fiscally independent to limit set by statute. No increase greater than 10% without referendum. Levy approved by majority of Legislative Delegation. (1968[55] 2423).	20% [86]	114.0	12.0

[b]Also, there is the Chesterfield County Education Advisory Council, composed of five members from attendance areas as determined by the District Board. The members serve for four years and perform duties directed by the District Board of Education (1976[59] 2325).

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CLARENDON	7 members: 6 appointed by Governor upon recommendation of County Legislative Delegation; County Superintendent ex officio member; 4-year terms (59-15-10).		Office of COUNTY Superintendent of Education abolished by 1973[58] 386. However, since this legislation did not obtain the necessary preclearance from the Justice Department, it is void and the pre-1973 Office of the County Superintendent still exists.	Budget prepared by District Boards (1971 [57] 1054). Authority to levy school taxes in County Council (1977[60] 937).			
District 1 Summerton		7 members appointed by County Board, 3-year terms (59-19-50, 1975[59] 311).	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board of Trustees.		30% [69]	60.0	0.0
District 2 Manning		7 members appointed by County Board, 3-year terms (1971[57] 532).	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board of Trustees.		30% [69]	60.0	0.0
District 3 East Clarendon		7 members elected: 1 from each voting precinct, 3-year terms (1973[58] 19). County Area Vocational Education Board selected after expiration of original appointments to 3-year terms. Two selected from each of the Boards and School Districts and 3 District Superintendents as ex officio members of the Board (1972 [57] 2117).	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board of Trustees.		30% [69]	70.0	0.0

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COLLETON[c] (School District of Colleton County)	Powers and duties devolved upon County Board of Trustees (1966[54] 2133).	COUNTY Board: 9 members; 1 County Superintendent, 4 elected, 4 appointed by Governor upon recommendation of Legislative Delegation; 4-year terms (1966[54] 2133).	COUNTY Superintendent of Education elected, 4-year term (59-13-10).	Budget prepared by County Board of Trustees, approved by County Legislative Delegation (1961[52] 122).	8% [1]	64.62	5.0
DARLINGTON (Darlington County School District)	12 members: 6 appointed at large by Governor upon recommendation of the General Assembly; 6 elected from election districts; 1 County Superintendent to serve on the Board, ex officio, until June 1981; 4-year terms (59-15-10, 1978 Act No. 748).	COUNTY Board of Trustees: 11 members; 2 appointed from each attendance area, 5 from County at large appointed by County Board of Education, 3-year terms (1969[56] 109).	COUNTY Superintendent of Education appointed by majority vote of Board of Education, 3-year term (1978 Act No. 748).	Budget prepared by County Board of Education, reviewed by County Delegation as a courtesy, approved by County Board of Education which is fiscally independent by law (1935[39] 370, 1977[60] 958).	8% [1]	73.0 2.0—Vocational Education; 2.0—Exceptional Education	16.0
Attendance Areas: 1 Darlington 2 Hartsville 3 Lamar			3 AREA Superintendents appointed.				
DILLON	10 members appointed by Governor upon recommendation of County Legislative Delegation; 3-year terms (1970[56] 1963).		COUNTY Superintendent of Education appointed by Governor upon recommendation of County Board of Education, 2-year term (1937[40] 202).	Budget prepared by District Board, reviewed by County Board, and approved by County Legislative Delegation (1952[47] 1719). Special legislation may give each District Board the authority to levy taxes for school purposes (1973[58] 75).			15.0

[c]County is divided into two area residence divisions (1966[54] 2153).

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District 1 Lakeview		3 DISTRICT Boards of Trustees, each with 7 members appointed by County Board, 3-year terms (59-19-50, 1952 [47] 1719, 1973[58] 75).	3 DISTRICT Superintendents appointed by District Board of Trustees, term-contractual (1952[47] 1719).		15% [113]	94.0	0.0
District 2 Dillon					15% [113]	94.0	0.0
District 3 Latta					15% [113]	94.0	0.0
DORCHESTER	8 members: 7 elected, one from each of the 7 districts in Dorchester County from which a member of the County Council is elected; 1 County Superintendent of Education, ex officio; 4-year terms (1976 [59] 2397).		COUNTY Superintendent of Education elected, 4-year term (59-13-10).	Budget prepared by District Boards. Referred to County Board; subject to approval of County Council. See (1931 [37] 79).			
District 1 St. George		3 DISTRICT Boards of Trustees, each with 7 members appointed by County Board, 3-year terms (1972[57] 2128).	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, 3-year term.		8%	104.0	16.0
District 2 Summerville			DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, 1-year term.		25%	78.0	28.0
District 3 Dorchester			DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, 1-year term.		8%	61.0	12.0

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EDGEFIELD (School District of Edgefield County)	Abolished	DISTRICT Board: 7 members elected at large from 5 attendance areas; 6-year terms (1976[59] 1456).	COUNTY School Administrator selected by District Board of Trustees, 2-year term (1968[55] 2433).	Budget prepared and approved by District Board of Trustees, fiscally independent (1968[55] 2433).	8% [1]	68.0	8.0
FAIRFIELD[d] (School District of Fairfield County)	Powers and duties devolved upon County Board of Trustees (1952 [47] 2008).	COUNTY Board: 9 members appointed by County Legislative Delegation, 4-year terms (1961[52] 491).	COUNTY Superintendent of Education appointed by County Board of Trustees, term-contractual (1967[55] 152).	Budget prepared by County Board of Trustees, approved by County Council (1952[47] 2008).	15% [151]	87.0	2.0
FLORENCE	County Board of Education abolished (1975[59] 20). Duties devolved upon the District Boards of Trustees.		COUNTY Superintendent abolished 1975[59] 20. Duties devolved upon District Boards of Trustees.			2.0	
District 1 Florence		9 members elected by special election every 3 years, 3-year terms—staggered (1971[57] 144).	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, 1-year term.	Budget prepared by District Board. Referendum necessary for millage increase (1973[58] 114).	15% [124]	87.0	10.0
District 2 Pamplico		7 members elected by numbered seats, 3-year terms (1952[47] 1707).	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, 1-year term.		18% [111]	93.0	7.0
District 3 Lake City		9 members elected by numbered seats; seats 1, 2 and 3 expired in 1977, seats 4, 5 and 6 expired in 1978; seats 7, 8 and 9 expired in 1976; 3-year terms (1974[59] 2027).	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, 1-year term.	Budget prepared by District Boards, approved by taxpayers at annual meeting of citizens of the Districts (1970[56] 1965).	8% [1]	90.0	5.0

[d]Area Advisory trustees provided for by 1967[55] 152.

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District 4 Timmonsville		7 members elected, 3-year terms (1952[47] 1707).	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, term-contractual.		8% [1]	92.0	0.0
District 5 Johnsonville		7 members elected, 3-year terms (1959[51] 292).	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, term-contractual.		15% [104]	95.0	20.0
GEORGETOWN (School District of Georgetown County)	9 members and a chairman elected, 4-year terms (1976[59] 2402).	COUNTY Board of Education, ex officio, District Board of Trustees (1976[59] 2402). 7 Advisory Board of Trustees appointed by County Board of Education for particular schools (1962[52] 2114).	Office of COUNTY Superintendent abolished, powers devolved upon County Board of Education (1976[59] 2402).	Budget prepared and approved by County Board of Education. Auditor sets millage. Board is fiscally independent (1966[54] 2022, 1976[59] 2402, 1977[60] 1968).	8% [1]	99.5	4.0
GREENVILLE (School District of Greenville County)	Powers and duties devolved upon County Board of Trustees (1953[48] 409, 1976[59] 1715).	COUNTY Board:[e] 12 members elected, 1 from each of the 12 election areas, from odd numbered areas for 4 years, from even numbered areas for 6 years, thereafter 4-year terms (1976[59] 1715).	COUNTY Superintendent of Education appointed by County Board of Trustees. Superintendent's term prescribed by the Board (1953[48] 409).	Budget prepared by County Board of Trustees. Increases require approval of County Delegation. Fiscally independent up to millage set by law (1953[48] 409).	20% [99]	92.75	17.50
GREENWOOD	7 members appointed by Governor upon recommendation of County Legislative Delegation; 4-year terms (59-15-10).		Office of COUNTY Superintendent abolished. Executive Secretary appointed by County Board of Education, serves at pleasure of County Board (1964[53] 2323).	Budget prepared by District Boards, reviewed by Executive Secretary and approved by County Council (1966[55] 3327).		0.0	0.0

[e]District divided into Election Areas 1-12 for purpose of election of County Board of Trustees.

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Greenwood School District 50		9 members elected, 4-year terms (1973[58] 794).	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, term-contractual.		20% [106]	91.0	6.0
Ware Shoals School District 51		5 members elected, 3-year terms (59-19-50).	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, term-contractual.		20% [127]	89.0	0.0
Ninety-Six School District 52		5 members elected, 3-year terms (1962[52] 2293).	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, term-contractual.		18% [107]	84.0	9.0
HAMPTON	7 members: 6 appointed by County Council; 1 County Superintendent of Education, ex officio; 4-year terms (59-15-10).		COUNTY Superintendent of Education elected, 4-year term (59-13-10).			4.0	
DISTRICT 1 North		5 members appointed by County Board of Education, 3-year terms (59-19-50). (consolidation order)	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, 1-year term.	District Boards prepare budgets. County Board reviews. Requires approval of county delegation.	30% [84]	67.0	19.0
DISTRICT 2 South		5 members appointed by County Board of Education, 3-year terms (59-19-50).	COUNTY Superintendent also serves as District Superintendent for Hampton 2.		30% [84]	81.0	0.0

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HORRY (Horry County School System)	7 members elected from County at large, 4-year terms (1973[58] 213).	COUNTY Board serves the functions of the Board of Trustees (1971[57] 64).	COUNTY Superintendent appointed by County Board, term-contractual (1958[50] 1654, 1720).	Budget prepared by County Board, approved by County Legislative Delegation (1968[55] 3164).	25% (1974[58] 3336) (1975[58] 63) (1977[59] 975) [1]	71.0	14.0
Administrative Areas: 1, 2, 3		COUNTY Board may appoint Advisory Boards of Trustees for schools of the system (1952[47] 1905).					
JASPER	9 members elected from County at large; 4-year terms (1971[57] 1114).	COUNTY Board of Education, ex officio, District Board of Trustees (1971[57] 1114).	Board appoints Chief Administrator, term not to exceed 4 years (1971[57] 1114).	Budget prepared by County Board of Education, approved by County Council (1968[55] 2370).	8% [1]	63.0	0.0
KERSHAW[f] (The School District of Kershaw County)	Powers and duties devolved upon County Board of Trustees (1970[56] 2014).	COUNTY Board: 9 members elected, 4-year terms (1970[56] 2014).	Superintendent of Schools employed by Board of School Trustees. Terms not to exceed 4 years (1970[56] 2014).	Budget prepared by Board of Trustees, increase must be approved by County Council (1971[57] 94).	15% [108]	79.25	11.0
LANCASTER	COUNTY Board: 7 members elected: Each area board representing a specific area shall appoint from its body one member to serve on the County Board of Education. Three members to be elected at large to serve on the County Board.	AREA Board of Trustees: 1 Andrew Jackson Area: 7 trustees, 8 elected but one elected from that body to serve on County Board. Composition: 4 members residents of the former Kershaw School District (3 residents of Lancaster County, 1 resident of Kershaw County); 2 to be	COUNTY Superintendent elected, 4-year term (1952[47] 2014).	County Council has power to levy taxes. Budgets submitted to County Superintendent; reviewed by County Board (1972 [57] 2171).	30% [145]	116.0	20.5

[f]Advisory Board provided for by 1970[56] 2014: five members for each school (except vocational school), appointed by Trustees for 2-year terms.

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High School Areas: 1 Andrew Jackson Area 2 Buford Area 3 Indian Land Area 4 Lancaster Area	Staggered terms in 1976 election, thereafter, terms concurrent with AREA Board terms (1976[59] 2419).	residents of the former Flatcreek School District; 2 to be residents of the former Heath Springs School District. 2 Buford Area: 5 trustees, 6 elected but one elected from that body to serve on County Board. 3 Indian Land Area: 5 trustees, 6 elected but one elected to serve on County Board. 4 Lancaster Area: 7 trustees, 8 elected but one elected to serve on County Board. Staggered terms in 1976 election, thereafter 4-year terms (1976[59] 2419).	AREA Superintendents selected by Area Boards, appointed by County Board, term-contractual.				
LAURENS	7 members appointed by Governor upon recommendation of Legislative Delegation, 4-year terms; County Board assumes power of County Superintendent (1967[55] 50).		Office of Superintendent of Education abolished (1967[55] 50).				
District 55		2 DISTRICT Boards of Trustees, each Board has 7 members: 6 elected, 1 chairman appointed by County Board; 4-year terms (1959[51] 5, 1971[57] 13).	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, 1-year term.	District Boards prepare budgets for respective Districts. District budgets reviewed and approved by County Board. Copies filed with Auditor, Treasurer, and County Legislative Delegation. May raise levy by 3 mills within 2-year period without approval. More requires approval of County Delegation (1967[55] 227, 1971[57] 291).	35% [147] (1971[57] 7)	70.0	19.0
District 56			DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, 1-year term.		26% (1974[58] 3369) (1975[59] 12) [126]	72.0	19.0

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				Alternatively, referendum required for tax increase in excess of 3 mills in 2 years (1971[57]291).			
LEE (School District of Lee County) Administrative or Supervisory Areas and Advisory Trustees authorized by statute but are not now utilized.	9 members appointed by Governor upon recommendation of County Council, 3-year terms (1968[55]2648).	Advisory Boards of Trustees may be appointed by County Board for each school attendance area (1952[47]2081). Advisory Boards of Trustees (3 members) may be elected each year for each public school by patrons thereof (1962[52]1733).	COUNTY Superintendent of Education appointed by County Board, term-contractual (1952[47]2081).	Budget prepared and approved by County Board, fiscally independent within statutory limitation of 65 mills. Increase requires approval of County Council (1969[56]893).	8% [1]	74.0	0.0
LEXINGTON	5 members: 1 elected from each school district; 5-year terms (1952[47]1917).		Office of COUNTY Superintendent abolished (1978 Act No. 796).	Budgets prepared by Board of Trustees of each school district. They notify auditor of millage required. Boards fiscally independent (1971[57]45).		21.5 (County-wide assessment)	
District 1 Lexington		7 members elected from District,[9] 4-year terms (1975[59]118).	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, term-contractual.		75% (1974[59]3373)[85]	64.0	40.0

[9]Voters may petition to elect (1974[58]2762).

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District 2 Cayce-West Columbia		7 members elected,[g] 4-year terms (1974[58] 2762).	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, term-contractual.		30% [85]	88.0	22.0
District 3 Batesburg[h]		7 members elected; 6 from Lexington County; 1 from the school district at large; 4-year terms (1974[58] 2762, 1976[59] 155	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, term-contractual.		75% (1974[59] 3374) [153] (1975[59] 8)	64.0	48.0
District 4 Swansea		7 members elected,[g] 4-year terms (1974[58] 2762).	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, term-contractual.		75% (1974[59] 3376) [85] (1975[59] 6)	63.0	22.0
District 5[i] Ballentine-Chapin-Irmo		7 trustees elected;[g] 5 elected by residents of Lexington County for 4 years; 2 members elected from Richland County; (1974[58] 2762, 1975[59] 118).	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, term-contractual.		75% [136]	109.5	59.0
McCORMICK (McCormick School District 4)	Powers and duties devolved upon County Board of Trustees (1976 [59] 1458).	COUNTY Board of Trustees: 7 members elected, 4-year terms (1976[59] 1458).	Office of Superintendent abolished (1973[58] 813). DISTRICT Chairman appointed by County Board of Trustees, term-contractual (1976[59] 1458).	Budget prepared by County Board of Trustees, reviewed by governing body of county; millage increase to be approved by governing body of county (1976[59] 1458).	15% [8]	48.0	0.0

[g]Voters may petition to elect (1974[58] 2762).

[h]Located partly in Lexington County and partly in Saluda County.

[i]Located partly in Lexington County and partly in Richland County.

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MARION	9 members appointed by Governor upon recommendation of County Legislative Delegation, 2-year terms (1971 [57] 133).		Office of COUNTY Superintendent abolished. Duties devolved upon education clerk appointed by Legislative Delegation (1971 [57] 38).	Budget prepared by District Boards, approved by County Board of Education. Legislative Delegation must approve tax levy (1973 [58] 1401, 1957 [50] 254).		11.0	1.0
Marion District 1		4 DISTRICT Boards: 7 members each appointed by County Board; 2-year terms (1971 [57] 96).	4 DISTRICT Superintendents appointed by District Boards, terms-contractual.		25% [72]	96.0	18.0
Mullins District 2					25% [72]	96.0	26.0
Lower Marion County District 3					25% [72]	96.0	0.0
Brittons Neck District 4					25% [72]	96.0	5.0
MARLBORO (School District of Marlboro County)	7 members appointed by Governor upon recommendation of County Legislative Delegation, 1 from each Administrative Area, 2 at large, 5-year terms (1971 [57] 289).		COUNTY Superintendent appointed by County Board (1956 [49] 1801).	County Board prepares budget, fiscally independent. Submits budget to Legislative Delegation as information (1956 [49] 1801, 1963 [53] 624).	8% [1]	100.0	5.0
Administrative Areas: 1 Bennettsville 2 Wallace 3 McColl-Fletcher 4 Clio 5 Blenheim		5 AREA Boards: 5 members each appointed by Governor upon recommendation of County Legislative Delegation, 3-year terms (1956 [49] 1801, 1963 [53] 624).					

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NEWBERRY (Newberry County School District)	7 members elected as follows: 3 members from Area 1; 1 member from Area 2; 2 members from Area 3; 1 member from Area 4; 4-year terms (1972[57]2136).	COUNTY Board of Education, ex officio, Board of Trustees of the School District (1952[47]1842).	DISTRICT Superintendent and Business Manager appointed by County Board, terms-contractual (1974[58]2071).	Budget prepared by County Board, fiscally independent within statutory limitation. Increase over 4 mills per year requires approval of Legislative Delegation (1966[54]2780).	30% [143]	67.5	25.0
OCONEE (School District of Oconee County)	Powers and duties devolved upon County Board of Trustees (1961[52]649).	10 members: 9-member Board of Trustees elected at large (1 from each of 5 attendance areas); 4 elected at large without regard to attendance area; 1 County Superintendent, ex officio (10th member); 4-year terms (1974[58]2994).	COUNTY Superintendent elected, 4-year term (1961[52]649).	Budget prepared by County Board, approved by County Council (1978 Act No. 805).	15% [76]	66.0	14.0
ORANGEBURG	10 members: 9 appointed by Governor upon recommendation of County Legislative Delegation; 1 County Superintendent, ex officio; 3-year terms (1951[47]357).		COUNTY Superintendent elected, 4-year term (59-13-10).	Budgets prepared by District Boards, approved by County Board. Districts fiscally dependent (1970[56]2491). County Board has fiscal independence.			
District 1 Springfield-Norway-Neeses		8 DISTRICT Boards: 5 members elected for each board, unless single candidate files for position, then appointed. 3-year terms (1967[55]225).	8 DISTRICT Superintendents appointed by District Boards.		8% [1]	109.0	0.0

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District 2 Bowman					8% [1]	127.0	0.0
District 3 Holly Hill					35% 1977[60]12	92.0	0.0
District 4 Edisto					30% 1977[60]12	88.0	0.0
District 5 Orangeburg					15% [90]	107.0	0.0
District 6 North					15% [96]	95.0	0.0
District 7 Elloree					16% (1974[59] 3447) [1] (1975[59] 19)	95.0	3.0
District 8 Branchville					15% [89]	123.0	0.0
PICKENS (School District of Pickens County) (1973[58] 144).	9 members: 8 appointed by Governor upon recommendation of County Legislative Delegation; 1 County Superintendent, Chairman, ex officio; 4-year terms (1952[47] 1717).	DISTRICT Board: 9 members elected; 5 from specific attendance areas; 4 from the district at large; 4-year terms[k] (1973[58] 144).	COUNTY Superintendent elected, 4-year term (59-13-10). DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, term-contractual.	Budget prepared by County Board of Education. Tax levy increase must be approved by referendum for increase of over 2 mills per year (1969[56] 15). Board may levy an additional 8 mills needed for debt service and excess may go for general school purposes (1971[57] 267).	30% [95] (1975[59] 39) (1977[60] 1002)	77.0	14.0

[k]Term is not clear from legislation.

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RICHLAND	Duties of County Board devolved upon County Council (1969[56] 131).		Duties of COUNTY Superintendent devolved upon County Council (1969[56] 131).	Budget prepared by the Board of Commissioners (District 1) and Board of Trustees (District 2) and approved by the County Council of Richland County (1971[57] 1000).		15.0 County-wide "equalization"	
District 1 Columbia		7 School Commissioners elected for 4-year terms (1971[57] 1087).	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Commissioners, term-contractual.		30% [139]	125.0	22.0
District 2 Richland		DISTRICT Board: 5 members elected, 6-year terms[1] (1966[54] 2584).	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, term-contractual.		50% (1974[59] 3417) [138] (1975[59] 14)	125.0	33.0
SALUDA (School District of Saluda County)	County Board of Education abolished—duties devolved upon Board of Trustees (1959 [51] 398).	COUNTY Board of Trustees is also ex officio County Board of Education (1972[57] 2432), 9 members elected at large from 5 voting areas. Resident requirements: 3 elected from voting area 1, 3 elected from voting area 2, 1 elected from voting area 3, 1 elected from voting area 4, 1 elected from voting area 5. 5 members serve 4-year terms; 4 members serve 2-year terms (1978 Act No. 815).	School Administrators for Saluda County appointed by District Board of Trustees for indefinite term (1968[55] 2640).	Budget prepared by District Board, "subject to approval of County Commissioners" (1968[55] 2640).	8% [1]	87.0	4.0

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SPARTANBURG	16 members elected: 2 each from Districts 1 through 6, 4 from District 7; 4-year terms. County Board assumes duties of County Superintendent (1958 [50] 1542).			Budgets prepared by District Boards. County Board may only approve or disapprove, fiscally independent (1952[47] 2113).		13.0	
District 1		DISTRICT Boards: 9 members, each appointed by County Board (members may also be elected), 4-year terms (1958[50] 1542). District 2 has eleven members.	7 DISTRICT Superintendents employed by District Boards. Terms set by each District Board (1952[47] 2113).		35% (1974[59] 3489) (1975[59] 211)	128.5	17.5
District 2					35% (1974[59] 3489) (1975[59] 211)	141.7	7.2
District 3					35% (1974[59] 3489) (1975[59] 211)	133.4	23.9
District 4					35% (1974[59] 3489) (1975[59] 211)	127.2	24.9
District 5					35% (1974[59] 3489) (1975[59] 211)	114.1	18.6
District 6					35% (1974[59] 3489) (1975[59] 211)	126.1	21.6
District 7					35% (1974[59] 3489) (1975[59] 211)	144.8	33.0
SUMTER	County Board abolished (1977 [60] 1012).	COUNTY Vocational Board of Trustees: 6 members, 3 from each District Board and designated by respective Board; 3-year terms (1971[57] 873).	Office of COUNTY Superintendent abolished effective July 1, 1979 (1977[60] 1012).				
District 2 Sumter		7 members: 6 elected, 2 from each of 3 areas and 1 at large; 4-year terms (1976[59] 1604).	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District Board, term-contractual (1952[47] 2077).	Budget prepared by District Board, approved by County Commissioners (1952 [47] 2077, 1967[55] 523).	8% [1]	67.0	0.0

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District 17 Sumter (City)		7 School Trustees elected, 4-year terms (1974 [58] 2016).	DISTRICT Superintendent appointed by District School Commissioners, term-contractual.	Budget prepared by School Trustees subject to County Boards approval (1952 [47] 2036, 1968 [55] 3119).	20% [79]	66.0	6.0
UNION (School District of Union County)		COUNTY Board of School Trustees: 13 members elected from voting precincts as prescribed by statute in general election of 1970; 4-year terms (1971 [57] 240, 1969 [56] 110).	COUNTY Superintendent abolished (1971 [57] 397). Chief Administrative Officer appointed by Board of School Trustees, term-contractual.	School Board granted fiscal independence in determining tax levy necessary (1975 [59] 5).	30% [1] (1975 [59] 18)	71.0	19.0
Attendance Areas: 1 Union 2 Jonesville 3 Lockhart			3 AREA Superintendents employed by County Board of Trustees.				
WILLIAMSBURG (School District of Williamsburg County)	11 members: 10 appointed by Governor upon recommendation of County Legislative Delegation; 1 County Superintendent, ex officio; 2-year terms (1971 [57] 933).		COUNTY Superintendent elected, 4-year term (59-13-10).	Budget prepared by County Board of Education, approved by County Legislative Delegation (1957 [50] 381).	15% [93]	56.0	5.0

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Administrative Areas: 1 Kingstree 2 Hemingway-Indiantown 3 Williamsburg 4 Hebron 5 Greeleyville		Not more than 6 area administrative boards of trustees. The former school districts of Kingstree and Hebron-Cades shall have 7-member boards. The remaining administrative areas shall have 5-member boards. All area board members shall be appointed by the County Board. Each board may be altered by the County Board (1972[57] 2200).					
YORK	7 members appointed by Governor upon recommendation of County Legislative Delegation, 4-year terms (59-15 .0).		"Administrative Secretary" to County Board appointed by Governor upon recommendation of County Legislative Delegation, 4-year term (1962[52] 1896).	County Board budgets for office expenses only.		39.5 County-wide "special"	
York School District 1		7 members elected, 6-year terms (1954[48] 1526).	4 DISTRICT Superintendents appointed by District Boards, terms-contractual.	Budgets prepared by District Boards. District Board may levy up to a 4-mill increase over the previous year's millage without approval by referendum. Referendum required for increase in excess of 4 mills over previous year's millage (1975[59] 1169).	50% [53]	85.0	42.0
Clover School District 2		7 members elected, 4-year terms (1953[48] 52, 1957[50] 22).			50% [53]	76.0	38.0
Rock Hill School District 3		7 members elected, 6-year terms (1973[58] 103).			50% [53]	85.0	28.0
Fort Mill School District 4		7 members elected, 6-year terms (1954[48] 1801, 1955[49] 648).			50% [53]	73.5	29.0

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SPECIAL SCHOOLS:							
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION COASTAL CENTER MIDLANDS CENTER WHITTEN VILLAGE		See 1976 Code Sections 44-19-10 – 44-19-60, creation of State Mental Retardation Department. Board of Trustees is South Carolina Mental Retardation Commission: 7 members appointed by Governor with advice and consent of Senate; 1 from each Congressional District; 1 at large. 4-year terms (1970[56] 2385, 1967[55] 317). See 1976 Code Sections 44-19-20, 44-21-310, 44-21-1020, 44-23-20.	State Commissioner of Mental Retardation appointed by Mental Retardation Commission (44-19-30). State Commissioner may appoint a superintendent for each institution with the approval of the Commission (44-19-30).				
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES JUVENILE CORRECTIONS INSTITUTIONS		Board of Trustees is South Carolina Board of Youth Services (24-15-10): 7 members; 5 appointed by Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, State Superintendent of Education voting ex officio member, Chaplain of Department of Juvenile Corrections nonvoting ex officio member; 5-year terms (1969[56] 670, 1972[57] 2509).					

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SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND		Board of Commissioners, 6 members appointed by the Governor, 1 from each Congressional District, 1 at large, State Superintendent of Education and the Executive Officer of the Department of Health and Environmental Control ex officio members. 6-year terms (59-47-10).	Elected by the Board of Commissioners (59-47-50).				
JOHN DE LA HOWE SCHOOL		Board of Trustees, 7 members appointed by the Governor with consent of Senate. 5-year terms (59-49-20).	Elected by the Board of Trustees. Term fixed by the Board (59-49-80).				
FELTON LABORATORY SCHOOL		Directed by the School of Education of South Carolina State College and under the supervision of South Carolina State College Board of Trustees. (See also 1977 Act No. 219, Appropriations Act, Part 1, Section 21, 1st proviso.)	The principal is recommended to the Board of Trustees by the President of South Carolina State College and must have faculty status at the College.				
CRIPPLED CHILDRENS CONVALESCENCE		School operated by DHEC (Department of Health and Environmental Control) which has contracted with Florence School District 1 to provide instructional courses. Board of Trustees of Florence 1 acts as Board of Trustees for Convalescence Center.	Superintendent of Florence School District 1 acts as Superintendent of Convalescence Center.				

COUNTY DISTRICT AREA	COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION	BOARD OF TRUSTEES (COUNTY/DISTRICT/AREA)	SUPERINTENDENT (COUNTY/DISTRICT/AREA)	AUTHORITY FOR SCHOOL TAXES	LIMIT BONDED INDEBTEDNESS	MILLS LEVIED 1978-79	
						Operation	Debt
WILL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL		Board of Trustees, 14 members, 10 elected by legislature; 2 elected by alumni; 1 State Superintendent of Education ex officio; 1 Governor ex officio. Those elected serve 4-year terms (59-51-30). The school is under the advisory supervision of the South Carolina State Board of Education (59-5-80).	Director employed by the Board of Trustees who prescribe the term (59-51-50).				

III. COMPARISON OF REGULAR DISTRICTS

Geographical Identification

In terms of nominal and functional identification of regular districts with counties, there are 29 single-district and 17 multi-district counties.

Type	Name	Number of Counties
Eight-district	Orangeburg	1
Seven-district	Spartanburg	1
Five-district	Anderson	3
	Florence	
	Lexington	
Four-district	Marion	2
	York	
Three-district	Barnwell	5
	Clarendon	
	Dillon	
	Dorchester	
	Greenwood	
Two-district	Bamberg	5
	Hampton	
	Laurens	
	Richland	
	Sumter	
One-district	All other counties	29
TOTAL		46

As was mentioned earlier, 6 districts cut across county lines.

1. Greenville County School District crosses into Laurens 55, Spartanburg 5, and Anderson 1.
2. Greenwood District 51 crosses into Abbeville County and Laurens County.
3. Aiken County School District crosses into Saluda County.
4. Lexington County School District 3 crosses into Saluda County.
5. Lexington County School District 5 crosses into Richland County.
6. Sumter County School District 2 crosses into Clarendon County.

Administration

The major legal characteristic distinguishing one school board or chief administrator from another is the sphere of authority—intermediate, local or area. *Intermediate* refers to a board or administrator operating between the State and the local district level (for example, a county board of education which supervises a district board of trustees). *Local* authority means directly serving or managing a local school district. *Area* identifies a unit subordinate to the local district administration. Since the boards and chief administrators are in charge, their selection, number, and terms of office influence the operations of the school districts.

1. Intermediate

TERMS OF OFFICE AND NUMBER OF INTERMEDIATE BOARD MEMBERS

	Terms of Office				
Number of Members	Five Years	Four Years	Three Years	Two Years	Number of Boards
16 members		Spartanburg			1
12 members		Darlington			1
11 members		Bamberg			1
10 members			Dillon Orangeburg		2
9 members		Calhoun Pickens	Abbeville	Marion	4
8 members		Anderson Dorchester			2
7 members		Barnwell Clarendon Greenwood Hampton Laurens York			6
5 members	Lexington				1
TOTAL	1	13	3	1	18

2. Local

Local boards differ more than the county boards in selection, number of members, and terms of office. Sixty-one of the 92 local boards are elected, 29 are appointed, and 2 are mixed (part elected and part appointed).

SELECTION OF LOCAL BOARDS

Elected	Appointed		Mixed
	By Governor On Recommendation of County Legislative Delegation	By County Council	
(61 boards) Abbeville; Aiken; Allendale; Anderson 1-5; Barnwell 19, 29, 45; Beaufort; Calhoun; Charleston; Cherokee; Chester; Chesterfield; Clarendon 3; Edgefield; Florence 1-5; Georgetown; Greenville; Greenwood 50, 51, 52; Horry; Jasper; Kershaw; Laurens 55, 56; Lexington 1-5; McCormick; Newberry; Oconee; Orangeburg 1-8; Pickens; Richland 1, 2; Saluda; Sumter 2, 17; Union; York 1-4.	(3 boards) Berkeley; Marlboro; Williamsburg	(1 board) Lee	(2 boards) Colleton (partially elected, partially appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of the Legislative Delegation); Lancaster (3 elected, 4 appointed by area boards from that board's membership).
	By County Legislative Delegation	By County Board of Education	
	(1 board) Fairfield	(24 boards) Bamberg 1, 2; Clarendon 1, 2; Darlington; Dillon 1, 2, 3; Dorchester 1-3; Hampton 1, 2; Marion 1-4; Spartanburg 1-7.	

NUMBER OF LOCAL BOARD MEMBERS

Number of Members	Districts	Number of Boards
13	Berkeley; Union	2
12	Greenville	1
11	Darlington; Spartanburg 2; Williamsburg	3
10	Chester; Georgetown; Oconee	3
9	Abbeville; Anderson 5; Beaufort; Charleston; Cherokee; Chesterfield; Colleton; Fairfield; Florence 1, 3; Greenwood 50; Jasper; Kershaw; Lee; Pickens; Saluda; Spartanburg 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	22
7	Aiken; Anderson 1-2; Clarendon 1-3; Dillon 1-3; Dorchester 1-3; Edgefield; Florence 2, 4, 5; Horry; Lancaster; Laurens 55, 56; Lexington 1-5; McCormick; Marion 1-4; Marlboro; Newberry; Richland 1; Sumter 2, 17; York 1-4	39
6	Calhoun	1
5	Allendale; Anderson 3, 4; Bamberg 1-2; Barnwell 19, 29, 45; Greenwood 51, 52; Hampton 1, 2; Orangeburg 1-8; Richland 2	21

TERMS OF LOCAL BOARD MEMBERS

Term	Districts	Number of Boards
6 years	Edgefield; Richland 2; York 1, 3, 4	5
5 years	Marlboro	1
4 years	Aiken; Allendale; Anderson 1-5; Beaufort; Berkeley; Calhoun; Charleston; Cherokee; Chester; Chesterfield; Colleton; Fairfield; Georgetown; Greenville; Greenwood 50; Horry; Jasper; Kershaw; Lancaster; Laurens 55, 56; Lexington 1-5; McCormick; Newberry; Oconee; Pickens; Richland 1; Spartanburg 1-7; Sumter 2, 17; Union; York 2	46
3 years	Abbeville; Bamberg 1, 2; Barnwell 19, 29, 45; Clarendon 1-3; Darlington; Dillon 1-3; Dorchester 1-3; Florence 1-5; Greenwood 51, 52; Hampton 1, 2; Lee; Orangeburg 1-8	34
2 years	Marion 1-4; Williamsburg	5
	Note: Saluda Board has mixed terms: 5 members serve 4 years, and 4 members serve 2 years.	1

There is little correlation between selection, number of members, and terms of office of local boards, except that board members appointed by county boards tend to serve 3-year terms. In many counties the legislative delegations influence the selection of the local boards or the selection of the intermediate boards, which supervise the local boards and in some cases appoint the local board members.

3. **Area**

As the following information shows, most districts are divided into areas for administrative purposes but not all have area boards and area superintendents.

AREA ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS

District	Number of Areas	Number of Boards	Number of Chief Administrators
Aiken	4	4	4
Berkeley	1	1	1
Charleston	8	8	6
Darlington	3	0	3
Horry	3	0	3
Lancaster	4	4	4
Marlboro	5	5	0
Union	3	0	3
Williamsburg	5	Not more than 6	0

AREA BOARDS

	District	Members	Term (years)	Selection
Aiken	Aiken	7	3	Appointed by county board
	North Augusta-Jackson	7	3	Appointed by county board
	Gregg-Langley-Bath-Clearwater	7	3	Appointed by county board
	Monetta-Ridge Spring-Wagner-Salley	7	3	Appointed by county board
Berkeley	Hanahan	7	3	Appointed by county board
Charleston County	Charleston City	7	4	Elected
	Moultrie	5	4	Elected
	James Island	5	4	Elected
	Cooper River	3	4	Elected
	St. Andrews	3	4	Elected
	St. James Santee	7	4	Elected
	St. Paul	7	4	Elected
	St. Johns	7	4	Elected
Lancaster*	Lancaster	8	4	Elected
	New Consolidated—(Andrew Jackson)	8	4	Elected
	Buford	6	4	Elected
	Indianland	6	4	Elected

*1 is elected from the area board to serve on the County Board.

AREA BOARDS (Continued)

	District	Members	Terms (years)	Selection
Marlboro	Blenheim	5	3	Appointed by Governor on approval of county delegation
	Bennettsville	5	3	Appointed by Governor on approval of county delegation
	Wallace	5	3	Appointed by Governor on approval of county delegation
	McColl-Fletcher	5	3	Appointed by Governor on approval of county delegation
	Clio	5	3	Appointed by Governor on approval of county delegation
Williamsburg County	Kingstree	7	Contractual	Appointed by county board
	Hebron	7	Contractual	Appointed by county board
	Williamsburg	5	Contractual	Appointed by county board
	Hemingway-Indiantown	5	Contractual	Appointed by county board
	Greeleyville	5	Contractual	Appointed by county board

AREA ADMINISTRATORS

District	Administrators	Term (years)	Appointing Authority
Aiken	4	Contractual	County board on approval of district superintendents
Berkeley	1	Contractual	Area board on county approval of area board
Charleston	6	Contractual	Constituent trustees upon approval of county board
Darlington	3	Contractual	Area board on county approval of board of trustees
Lancaster	4	Contractual	County board on approval of area board
Union	3	Contractual	County board

The only common characteristics of these subordinate, area administrative units are that they occur in single-district counties and that all the area chief administrators are appointed.

School District Information

	District Fiscal Independence* With Limitations, if any		
	Yes		No
Abbeville			X
Aiken	X	but no increase in millage over previous year, increase requires approval of Legislative Delegation or referendum.	
Allendale			X
Anderson 1	X	but not over 5 mills	
Anderson 2	X	but not over 5 mills	
Anderson 3	X	but not over 5 mills	
Anderson 4	X	but not over 5 mills	
Anderson 5	X	but not over 5 mills	
Bamberg 1			X
Bamberg 2			X
Barnwell 19	X	but not over 10 mills	
Barnwell 29	X	increase without approval	
Barnwell 45	X	of landed electors	
Beaufort			X
Berkeley			X
Calhoun 1			X
Charleston	X	90 mills	
Cherokee	X	no increase	
Chester			X
Chesterfield	X	no increase over 10 percent per year allowed without approval of County Legislative Delegation or referendum.	
Clarendon 1			X
Clarendon 2			X
Clarendon 3			X
Colleton			X
Darlington	X		
Dillon 1			X
Dillon 2			X
Dillon 3			X

*For purposes of this chart, fiscal independence means the budget and tax rate are not subject to review and/or change by any other governmental agency.

School District Information (Continued)

	District Fiscal Independence With Limitations, if any		
	Yes		No
Dorchester 1			X
Dorchester 2			X
Dorchester 3			X
Edgefield	X	no limit	
Fairfield			X
Florence 1	X	but no increase over previous year	
Florence 2	X		
Florence 3	X		
Florence 4	X		
Florence 5	X		
Georgetown	X	no limit	
Greenville	X	up to 92.5 mills (referendum to determine if can increase up to 3 mills annually).	
Greenwood 50			X
Greenwood 51			X
Greenwood 52			X
Hampton 1			X
Hampton 2			X
Horry			X
Jasper			X
Kershaw	X	increase requires approval of County Council	
Lancaster			X
Laurens 55	X	no increase allowed over 3 mills in any 2-year period without referendum.	
Laurens 56	X		
Lee	X	but not over 65.0 mills	
Lexington 1	X	no limit in excess of minimum uniform 30 mills.	
Lexington 2	X		
Lexington 3	X		
Lexington 4	X		
Lexington 5	X		

School District Information (Continued)

	District Fiscal Independence With Limitations, if any		
	Yes		No
McCormick	X	up to 38 mills; increase must be approved by County Council	
Marion 1			X
Marion 2			X
Marion 3			X
Marion 4			X
Marlboro	X	not more than 85 mills in 1973-74. Present millage of 20 with maximum of 85.	
Newberry	X	not over 4 mill increase without approval of County Legislative Delegation.	
Oconee			X
Orangeburg 1		County Board has fiscal	X
Orangeburg 2		independence but not dis-	X
Orangeburg 3		trict boards.	X
Orangeburg 4			X
Orangeburg 5			X
Orangeburg 6			X
Orangeburg 7			X
Orangeburg 8			X
Pickens	X	not over 2 mill increase per year without referendum.	
Richland 1			X
Richland 2			X
Saluda 1			X
Spartanburg 1		County Board has fiscal	X
Spartanburg 2		independence, with no limit.	X
Spartanburg 3			X
Spartanburg 4			X
Spartanburg 5			X
Spartanburg 6			X
Spartanburg 7			X
Sumter 2			X

School District Information (Continued)

	District Fiscal Independence With Limitations, if any		
	Yes		No
Sumter 17	X	but no increase without approval of County Commissioners.	
Union	X	no limit	
Williamsburg			X
York 1	X	approval of voters needed	
York 2	X	for increase over previous	
York 3	X	year if greater than 4 mill	
York 4	X	increase.	

SUMMARY REPORT

SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION

Variables	Number of Districts
Fiscally Independent	40
Fiscally Dependent	52
Board of Trustees Elected	61
Board of Trustees Appointed	29
Combined Election-Appointed Process	2
Election Held During General Election	28
Special Election	35

ELECTION OF LOCAL BOARD MEMBERS AND TYPE OF ELECTION

General—G
Special—S

Partisan Elections	Non-Partisan Elections	Non-Partisan Elections
Charleston, G	Abbeville, G	Greenville, S
Chester, G	Aiken, S	Greenwood 50, 51, 52, S
	Allendale, S	
Georgetown, G	Anderson 1-5, S	Jasper, G
		Lancaster, G
Horry, G	Barnwell 19, 29, 45, S	Laurens 55, 56, S
Kershaw, G	Beaufort, G	Lexington 1-5, G
McCormick, G	Calhoun, G	
Newberry, G	Cherokee, S	Oconee, S
Richland 1, 2, G	Chesterfield, G	Pickens, G
Saluda, G	Clarendon 3, S	
	Colleton, G	Sumter 2, 17, S
	Edgefield, S	Union, G
	Florence 1-5, S	York 1-4, G
	Orangeburg 1-8, S	

Source of Information:

1. State Election Commission (for data on Beaufort; Charleston; Chester; Chesterfield; Colleton; Georgetown; Horry; Kershaw; Lancaster; Newberry; Richland 1, 2; Saluda; Union).

2. Telephone poll to county and district offices for other local board election data.

APPROVING GROUPS FOR SCHOOL TAX LEVY

Approving Groups	Districts
County Legislative Delegation	(16 districts) Aiken; Allendale; Berkeley; Calhoun; Chester; Colleton; Dillon 1-3; Greenville; Horry; Marion 1-4; Williamsburg
County Government	(26 districts) Abbeville; Barnwell 19, 29, 45; Beaufort; Clarendon 1-3; Dorchester 1-3; Fairfield; Greenwood 50, 51, 52; Hampton 1, 2; Jasper; Kershaw; Lancaster; McCormick; Oconee; Richland 1, 2; Saluda; Sumter 2
County Boards of Education	(30 districts) Anderson 1-5; Bamberg 1, 2; Darlington; Georgetown; Laurens 55, 56; Lee; Marlboro; Newberry; Orangeburg 1-8; Pickens; Spartanburg 1-7
District/County Boards of Trustees	(16 districts) Charleston; Cherokee; Chesterfield; Edgefield; Florence 1; Lexington 1-5; Sumter 17; Union; York 1-4
Taxpayers	(4 districts) Florence 2-5

OPERATIONAL MILLAGE (1978-79)

Mills	Districts	Number of Districts
0-49.9	Calhoun; McCormick	2
50-59.9	Beaufort; Berkeley; Williamsburg	3
60-69.9	Anderson 3; Clarendon 1, 2; Colleton; Dorchester 3; Edgefield; Hampton 1; Jasper; Lexington 1, 3, 4; Newberry; Oconee; Sumter 2, 17	15
70-79.9	Aiken; Anderson 4; Clarendon 3; Darlington; Dorchester 2; Horry; Kershaw; Laurens 55, 56; Lee; Union; York 2, 4	13
80-89.9	Allendale; Bamberg 2; Barnwell 29, 45; Chester; Fairfield; Florence 1; Greenwood 51, 52; Hampton 2; Lexington 2; Marion 2, 4; Orangeburg 4; Pickens; Saluda; York 1, 3	18
90-99.9	Abbeville; Anderson 1, 2; Bamberg 1, Barnwell 19; Charleston; Dillon 1-3; Florence 2-5; Georgetown; Greenville; Greenwood 50; Orangeburg 3, 6, 7; Spartanburg 5	20
100-109.9	Anderson 5; Dorchester 1; Lexington 5; Marion 1, 3; Marlboro; Orangeburg 1, 5; Spartanburg 1, 4, 6	11
110-119.9	Chesterfield; Lancaster; Spartanburg 2, 3	4
120-129.9	Cherokee; Orangeburg 2, 8; Richland 1, 2; Spartanburg 7	6
TOTAL		92

NOTE: Several districts, among them Dillon, Lexington, Richland, and York, have county-wide assessments which were not taken into account in the above table.

DEBT SERVICE LEVY (1978-79)

Mills	Districts	Number of Districts
0	Bamberg 1; Barnwell 19; Calhoun; Clarendon 1-3; Dillon 1-3; Florence 4; Greenwood 51; Hampton 2; Jasper; Lee; McCormick; Orangeburg 1-4, 6, 8; Sumter 2	22
0.1-5.0	Allendale; Barnwell 29, 45; Beaufort; Colleton; Fairfield; Florence 3; Georgetown; Marion 2-4; Marlboro; Orangeburg 5, 7; Saluda; Williamsburg	16
5.1-10.0	Anderson 1, 4; Bamberg 2; Chester; Edgefield; Florence 1, 2; Greenwood 50, 52; Pickens; Spartanburg 2; Sumter 17	12
10.1-15.0	Anderson 3; Berkeley; Charleston; Chesterfield; Dorchester 3; Horry; Kershaw; Oconee	8
15.1-20.0	Aiken; Darlington; Dorchester 1; Florence 5; Greenville; Hampton 1; Laurens 55, 56; Spartanburg 1-5; Union	11
20.1-25.0	Abbeville; Anderson 5; Cherokee; Lancaster; Lexington 2, 4; Marion 1; Newberry; Richland 1; Spartanburg 3, 4, 6	12
25.1-30.0	Anderson 1; Dorchester 2; York 3, 4	4
30.1-35.0	Richland 2; Spartanburg 7	2
Above 35.0	Lexington 1, 3, 5; York 1, 2	5
TOTAL		92

Once again, the tax base of each district affects the revenue obtained for debt service. However, some districts do not distinguish between operational and debt millage.

Other controls on a district's fiscal authority are in the form of a constitutional debt limitation based on a percentage of the district's assessed valuation and in the form of the subsequent referendum required by general statute for issuing these school bonds.

Summary of Districts Constitutional Bonded Debt Limitation With Proposed Legislation to Amend the Constitution

	Present Constitutional Debt Limit (Percent)	Legislation To Increase Present Constitutional Debt Limit Up To (Percent)
Abbeville	18	
Aiken	25	
Allendale	15	
Anderson 1	25	
Anderson 2	25	
Anderson 3	25	
Anderson 4	25	
Anderson 5	25	
Bamberg 1	10	
Bamberg 2	25	
Barnwell 19	8	
Barnwell 29	8	
Barnwell 45	8	
Beaufort	None	
Berkeley	20	
Calhoun	8	
Charleston	20	
Cherokee	25	
Chester	30	
Chesterfield	20	
Clarendon 1	30	
Clarendon 2	30	
Clarendon 3	30	
Colleton	8	
Darlington	8	
Dillon 1	15	
Dillon 2	15	
Dillon 3	15	
Dorchester 1	8	1976 *Act No. 818 15
Dorchester 2	25	1976 *Act No. 474 40
Dorchester 3	8	1976 *Act No. 489 15
Edgefield	8	
Fairfield	15	
Florence 1	15	
Florence 2	18	
Florence 3	8	
Florence 4	8	
Florence 5	15	1976 *Act No. 681 30
Georgetown	8	
Greenville	20	
Greenwood 50	20	
Greenwood 51	20	
Greenwood 52	18	
Hampton 1	30	
Hampton 2	30	
Horry	25	
Jasper	8	
Kershaw	15	
Lancaster	30	
Laurens 55	35	
Laurens 56	26	
Lee	8	
Lexington 1	75	
Lexington 2	30	
Lexington 3	75	
Lexington 4	75	
Lexington 5	75	
McCormick	15	
Marion 1	25	
Marion 2	25	
Marion 3	25	
Marion 4	25	
Marlboro	8	
Newberry	30	
Oconee	15	
Orangeburg 1	8	
Orangeburg 2	8	
Orangeburg 3	35	1977[59] 12
Orangeburg 4	30	1977[59] 12
Orangeburg 5	15	
Orangeburg 6	15	
Orangeburg 7	16	
Orangeburg 8	15	
Pickens	30	
Richland 1	30	
Richland 2	50	
Saluda	16	1977[59] 13
Spartanburg 1	35	
Spartanburg 2	35	
Spartanburg 3	35	
Spartanburg 4	35	
Spartanburg 5	35	
Spartanburg 6	35	
Spartanburg 7	35	
Sumter 2	8	
Sumter 17	20	
Union	30	
Williamsburg	15	
York 1	50	
York 2	50	
York 3	50	
York 4	50	

*State constitutional amendment ratified after January 1, 1976. Increase is questionable due to 1977 Act No. 71 (Article X Amendment).

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LIMIT OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Limit (percent)	Districts	Number of Districts
8	Barnwell 19, 29, 45; Calhoun; Colleton; Darlington; Dorchester 1, 3; Edgefield; Florence 3, 4; Georgetown; Jasper; Lee; Marlboro; Orangeburg 1, 2; Sumter 2	18
10	Bamberg 1	1
15	Allendale; Dillon 1-3; Fairfield; Florence 1, 5; Kershaw; McCormick; Oconee; Orangeburg 5, 6, 8; Williamsburg	14
16	Orangeburg 7; Saluda	2
18	Abbeville; Florence 2; Greenwood 52	3
20	Berkeley; Charleston; Chesterfield; Greenville; Greenwood 50, 51; Sumter 17	7
25	Aiken; Anderson 1-5; Bamberg 2; Cherokee; Dorchester 2; Horry; Marion 1-4	14
26	Laurens 56	1
30	Chester; Clarendon 1-3; Hampton 1, 2; Lancaster; Lexington 2; Newberry; Orangeburg 4; Pickens; Richland 1; Union	13
35	Laurens 55; Orangeburg 3; Spartanburg 1-7	9
50	Richland 2; York 1-4	5
75	Lexington 1, 3, 4, 5	4
Unlimited	Beaufort	1
TOTAL		92

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IV. EXPRESSED GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES

School Boards

1. County Boards
   a) Legislative
      (1) Make rules and regulations (59-15-40)
      (2) Have a duty to meet at least every other month during the regular school session on a regular date at a regular time (59-1-340)

   b) Judicial
      (1) Conduct hearing or delegate power to one or more members who report to board (59-15-40)
      (2) Hear appeal cases of persons aggrieved by decision of board of trustees (59-19-510)
      (3) Remove District Board of Trustee members for cause and fill vacancy after removal (59-19-60)
      (4) Hold hearings on intra-county pupil transfer conflicts (59-63-510)

   c) Executive
      (1) Supervise district board (59-19-10)
      (2) Advise county superintendents upon request (59-15-20)
      (3) Consolidate schools and districts (59-17-50)
      (4) After a hearing, transfer pupils from one district to another when either or both refuse to consent to transfer (59-63-510)
      (5) Approve sale or lease of school property by trustees (59-19-250)
      (6) Order board of trustees to hold election to levy additional tax for school purposes when petitioned by required number of electors (59-73-40)
      (7) Require teaching of certain enumerated subjects (59-29-10)
      (8) Approve teaching of military science (59-29-110)
      (9) Approve petition of district board to reduce school levies (59-73-100)
      (10) Approve bond issuance elections when otherwise authorized (59-71-30)

2. District Boards
   a) Legislative
      (1) Make rules and regulations generally (59-19-110)
      (2) Make rules and regulations prescribing standards of conduct and scholastic achievement (59-19-90[3])
      (3) Adopt rules and regulations not inconsistent with State law or State Board of Education regulations governing the use of school equipment for purposes other than normal school activity (59-19-140)
      (4) Authority to make rules and regulations on school buildings (59-19-120)
      (5) A duty to meet at least every other month during the regular school session on a regular date at a regular time (59-1-340)
      (6) Authority to authorize corporal punishment in the district (59-63-260)

(7) To regulate, control and prohibit clubs and other such actitivies on school property during school hours (59-63-270)
(8) Prescribe conditions of attendance for children not meeting eligibility requirements (59-19-90[10])
(9) Impose additional qualification of teachers prior to employment or after employment (59-25-20)

b) Judicial
(1) Conduct hearing or delegate power to one or more members, who report to board (59-19-110)
(2) Conduct hearings in student discipline situations (59-63-240)
(3) Expel, suspend or transfer pupils (59-63-210)
(4) Conduct hearings concerning teacher employment and dismissals (59-25-460)

c) Executive
(1) Manage and control district (59-19-10)
(2) Control the educational interests of district, including the right to operate or not operate any school or schools (59-19-90[7])
(3) Suspend and dismiss pupils (59-19-90[3])
(4) Transfer and assign pupils (59-19-90[9])
(5) Waive age restrictions on attendance (59-63-20[5])
(6) Report nonattendance and institute proceedings therefore (59-65-50)
(7) Control school property (59-19-90[5])
(8) Acquire land (59-19-180), even by condemnation (59-19-200)
(9) Provide schoolhouses (59-19-90[1])
(10) Sell or lease school property with report to county board (59-19-250)
(11) Hold in trust gifts made to district on giving approved bond (59-19-250)
(12) Insure motor vehicles (59-19-260)
(13) Convey abandoned school property (59-23-310)
(14) Maintain schools and property in accordance with sanitation requirements established by State Board of Health (*Rules and Regulations of State Board of Health,* Sanitation Requirements for Schools, Section 4)
(15) Employ and discharge teachers (59-19-90[2])
(16) Require teaching of certain enumerated subjects (59-29-10)
(17) Establish and control schools for eleemosynary institutions (59-37-10 and 59-37-20)
(18) Approve claims against school funds (59-69-210)
(19) Charge matriculation and incidental fees (59-19-90[3])
(20) Petition for reduction of school tax levies (59-73-100)
(21) Make annual reports to State Superintendent (59-19-330)
(22) Visit schools (59-19-90[6])
(23) Call meetings of electors for consultation (59-19-90[4])
(24) Make or cause to be made an annual school census of school-age children not enrolled in public schools (59-65-240)
(25) Provide protective eye devices to persons in certain classrooms and labs (59-1-390)
(26) Employ only professional and nonprofessional personnel with annual health certificate (44-29-160) and *Rules and Regulations of State Board of Education;* see *Defined Minimum Program*

(27) Accept and hold school property (59-19-170)
(28) Acquire supplies and equipment (59-19-130)
(29) Keep equipment in good repair (59-19-150)
(30) Admit only vaccinated students (44-29-180)
(31) Report nonattendance to juvenile courts (59-19-550)
(32) Sell or lease school property (59-19-250)
(33) Employ physicians and other technical and clerical personnel (59-19-270)
(34) Be members of School Boards Association (59-19-280)
(35) Not to receive pay as teacher in his district (59-19-300)
(36) Purchase land and disposal of land with state funds after 1952 for land purchase with State funds subject to approval by State Board of Education (59-19-190)
(37) Not to employ member of the immediate family as teacher (59-25-10)

3. Area Boards (powers and duties established in special legislation)

Chief Administrator

1. County Superintendent
   a) Election, term, oath and bond requirements unless otherwise expressly provided (59-13-10)
   b) Assistant County Superintendent and his duties in certain counties (Local legislation)
   c) Private schools report to County Superintendent (59-13-130)
   d) Record school district bonds (59-13-70)
   e) Keep register of claims approved by County Superintendent and other matters required by the State Superintendent (59-3-50) (59-13-80). Administer oath free to persons presenting claims (59-69-210)
   f) County Superintendent to approve warrants on school funds (59-69-220)
   g) Countersign payment from school funds (59-69-230)
   h) Receive monthly treasurer's report (59-69-240)
   i) File annual report with State Board of Education two months after the close of the scholastic year (59-13-140)
   j) To administer oaths that may pertain or may be connected with the duties of the office (59-1-310)
   k) Assume and perform such duties as may be prescribed by law or rules and regulations by the State Board of Education, County Board of Education or District Board of Trustees (59-13-60)

2. District Superintendent
   a) Assume and perform such duties as may be prescribed by law or rules and regulations by the State Board of Education, County Board of Education or District Board of Trustees (59-13-60)
   b) To suspend pupils up to ten days upon authorization of District Board of Trustees (59-63-220)

c) Possess State Board of Education required superintendent certificate (for newly appointed superintendent) (59-13-20)

d) Inspect road conditions at opening of each school year and report such conditions to the County Transportation Supervisor (59-67-130)

3. Area Superintendent (same as above)

*Elected and appointed officials and public employees have certain legal responsibilities under the 1975 ethics legislation in the area of conflict of interest and statemants of economic interest, Act No. 191 of 1975, 1975(59)217.